



National Crop and Disaster Programs in the Iraq Supplemental Appropriations

Main Components:

- **Crop Disaster Program**
(insured and NAP crops only)
- **Emergency Conservation Program**
- **Livestock Compensation Program**
- **Livestock Indemnity Program**
- **Dairy Assistance Program**
- **Milk Income Loss Contract Program**

Crop Disaster Program

The legislation provides crop production loss assistance similar to previous disaster programs for losses occurring from natural disasters (and related conditions), that occurred in 2005 or 2006 or 2007, with the losses for 2007 crops covered only if the crop subject to the loss was planted prior to Feb. 28, 2007.

Producers will choose one of the three years in which they receive benefits. To be eligible, there must be a loss of at least 35%. The payment rate is 42% of the established crop insurance price. Only producers with crop insurance coverage or who signed up for NAP - the Non-insured Assistance Program are eligible.

Quality loss assistance is based on the actual, local market discounts suffered by producers based on their crop sales

receipts, or as established by the State Farm Service Agency Committee. Not all crops will be provided benefits for quality losses.

Emergency Conservation Program

Nationwide, \$16 million has been made available for the cleanup and restoration of farm and agricultural production losses.

Livestock Programs

As with the Crop Disaster Program, producers will choose for each livestock program one of three years for benefits. Both programs are available in counties which have been declared agricultural disaster areas by the Secretary or President. A full listing of these counties is available online: www.fsa.usda.gov. The only California counties that received no disaster designations for any of the three years are: Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen.

The **Livestock Compensation Program** (LCP) provides benefits to producers for their added costs of procuring livestock feed in 2005, 2006 or 2007 (up to Feb. 28, 2007). The payment rate is 61% of the payment made under the LCP announced in the Federal Register notice dated Feb. 12, 2007. Eligible livestock are: adult or non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine,

deer, catfish and other livestock the Secretary may designate.

A **Livestock Indemnity Program** (LIP) will cover livestock deaths caused by a natural disaster or related condition that occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007 (up to Feb. 28, 2007), including losses due to hurricanes, floods, wildfires, blizzards and anthrax. The payment rate is to be not less than 26% of market value of the livestock on the day before the date of death, as determined by the Secretary.

Dairy Assistance Program

Compensates producers for reduced milk production due to a natural disaster in a declared disaster county. Nationwide, \$16 million is available.

Milk Income Loss Contract Program

This program extends the MILC program for one additional month, through Sept. 30, 2007.

Note: The Secretary of Agriculture has authority to ensure a producer does not receive duplicative payments for the same losses in conjunction with other federal disaster assistance programs. The \$2.5 million Adjusted Gross Income Limitation applies, as does the \$80,000 payment limit for the Crop Disaster Program and the various payment limits for the livestock programs.

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